

# Notice No.2

## Rules and Regulations for the Classification of Inland Waterways Ships July 2019

The status of this Rule set is amended as shown and is now to be read in conjunction with this and prior Notices.

Any corrigenda included in the Notice are effective immediately.

Please note that corrigenda amends to paragraphs, Tables and Figures are not shown in their entirety.

Issue date: April 2020

| Amendments to                | Effective date | IACS/IMO implementation<br>(if applicable) |
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| Part 1, Chapter 2, Section 3 | 6 April 2020   | N/A                                        |

## Part 1, Chapter 2

### Classification Regulations

#### ■ Section 3 Surveys - General

##### 3.10 Force Majeure majeure

3.10.1 If due to circumstances reasonably beyond the Owner's or LR's control, as defined below, the ship is not in a port when surveys become overdue the Classification Committee may allow the ship to sail, in class, directly to an agreed discharge port and then, if necessary, in ballast to an agreed repair facility at which the survey can be completed. In this context, 'Force Majeure' means damage to the ship, unforeseen inability of Surveyors to attend the ship due to governmental restrictions on right of access or movement of personnel, unforeseen delays in port or inability to discharge cargo due to unusually lengthy periods of severe weather, strikes, civil strife, acts of war or other force majeure.

3.10.2 In circumstances of global disruption to normal maritime operations, such as experienced during the global COVID-19 pandemic, where Flag Administrations adopt extraordinary measures permitting postponements to scheduled statutory surveys beyond the due dates, the Classification Committee may allow corresponding postponements to scheduled class surveys provided the following measures to confirm the continued compliance of the vessel with LR classification requirements are undertaken:

- (a) a confirmatory LR examination of the ship's records; and,
- (b) an LR review of evidence submitted by the Owner that confirms that the vessel is in a condition to satisfactorily continue in class for the agreed period of postponement; this may include an LR remote survey, and provision to LR of acceptable photographic, video or other evidence of condition of structure or equipment; and,
- (c) receipt of a confirmatory statement from the Master advising that the ship is, in their opinion, in compliance with LR's *Rules and Regulations* and in a condition to satisfactorily continue in service for the agreed period; and,
- (d) any due and/or overdue surveys and examination of Conditions of Class, Actionable Items and Statutory Findings are to be carried out at the first port of call with available facilities where LR Surveyors can reasonably attend to complete the overdue surveys.

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